



## March 2017 Newsletter

Star Quilters Guild of the Roanoke, Virginia, area <http://starquilters.org/>

### Our March Program

7 pm on Monday, March 6th

at Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Brandon and Grandin in Roanoke

"Organizing Your Sewing Space" is a presentation by Ann Custer of WOW Organizing Services LLC. She will show photographs of actual sewing rooms and discuss ways to organize them. One of the "before and after" sewing spaces you'll see belongs to guild member Ann Ware.

~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair



### How can I help the Quilt Show Committee?

Thanks for asking. Here are some suggestions:

1. Sign up as a volunteer.
2. Spread the word. Remember, you don't have to be a quilter to enjoy a quilt show. Continue telling family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers about the show.
3. Get those last-minute sponsorships in to us by March 10.
4. Take a flyer to post at your business, church, day-care, hairdresser's, local market, and/or favorite local restaurant.
5. Bring items for the raffle baskets to the March meeting.
6. Bring your challenge quilt to the March meeting.
7. Use your Facebook page to invite your friends!!

### Things You Might Want to Bring to Monday's Meeting

(1) Your **Challenge Quilt** for display and judging. (2) Donations for the Quilt Show door prize -- fat quarters of solids, blenders, novelty, patriotic, or batik fabrics. (3) Comfort Quilts you have finished making. (4) Items for Show and Tell. (5) Your name tag. (6) A friend interested in quilting.

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Telephone numbers and email addresses are in the Membership Directory if you have questions.



### *Barefoot Quiltessas*

Check with Judy Bradley to see whether this group will be meeting Friday, March 3, at the usual place, Our Lady of Nazareth Church on 419 (Electric Road), and at the usual time, 10 AM, to work on quilts for various charitable agencies. Everyone is welcome -- bring your sewing machine, a lunch, and (in charity for others and in gratitude that the church does not charge our group rent) a contribution of non-perishable food for the Food Bank.

### The Quilt Show Challenge: A Window into My Life

These quilts will be displayed, judged, and turned in at this month's guild meeting (March 6th). Ribbons will be awarded, and all the Challenge Quilts will be exhibited at our quilt show. You'll enjoy seeing the different designs that can result from the same theme.

~ Donna Kittelson

## Thank You!

Very special thanks go to people who helped with the silent auction. Cindy King (Chairperson), Judi Byrd, and Terri Steffen came to my house and organized and labeled items and also helped with set-up at the church. Bonnie Blessing, Sue Thurston, and Sarah Smith helped at the church after the auction, gathering and organizing the items by buyer so checkout was fast and efficient. I could not have done it without them!

Thanks, too, to the guild members who donated items to the auction. Everything was greatly appreciated. Thanks to you, and to the shoppers, we were able to raise \$891.25 for the guild.

~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

## Upcoming Programs

April -- A Trunk Show by local quilter Joyce Moorman. Some of you will remember Joyce's quilt, "In Motion," which won a first-prize ribbon in our 2011 quilt show,



May -- Spring Social - starting at 6:00 p.m. More details next month on this popular event!  
~ Dawn Schaben, Program Chair

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# Starry Eyed Quilters

Want to try making a barn quilt? This is a quilt pattern painted onto plywood and attached to the side of a barn, garage, store, or house. You can see a lot of them here:

<http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/map-TN.html>

Susan Kraterfield is researching materials and methods. Meet at her house on Thursday, March 9, at 7 PM to plan logistics. Email [skraterfield@gmail.com](mailto:skraterfield@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

-- Susan Kraterfield

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## A Strange Coincidence ...



cartoon by Dave Whamond



## OUR WEEKEND COMFORT QUILTS WORKSHOP

on February 25th was fun and productive.

Thanks to the 10 guild members and a guest who turned out to help us.

~ Cathy Russell, SQG President



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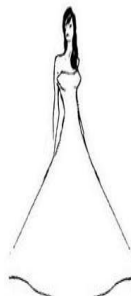
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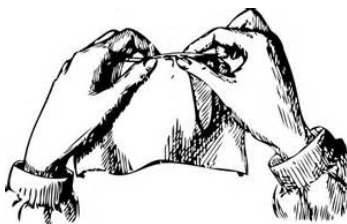
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## Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet at 6:30 on Monday, March 20th, at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Tanglewood Mall. We are a small group from the guild who like to do handwork and talk to each other. Would love to have you join us. Any questions, please contact me.

~ Ann Ware



# WELCOME

TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Anita White, Terri Steffen, and Peggy Ramsey, all of Roanoke



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1st - Carol Sheldon

March 2nd - Gisela O'Connor

March 5th - Bonnie Blessing

March 10th - Cathy Russell

March 11th - Linda Cronise

March 14th - Cindy King

March 19th - Jane Chichester

March 23rd - Ann Andrews

March 25th - Linda Badger

March 25th - Jane Holmgren

March 29th - Sarah Smith

We wish all our ladies a great new year and lives filled with love, peace, and friendship!

~Gisela O'Connor, Hospitality Committee

## TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND THE STAR QUILTERS QUILT SHOW ON MARCH 24-25, 2017

- 10** See quilts like the ones your granny or great-grandma made -- and also new and different sorts of quilts. See "up close" all the details of color, design, texture, and skill that you can't really see in a photo.
- 9** See quilts made by people in Roanoke, Roanoke County, Salem, Vinton, Floyd County, Blue Ridge, Troutville, Hardy, Boones Mill, and other parts of Virginia and other states. See the quilts made in response to this year's challenge -- Show us a Window into Your Life!
- 8** Shop the vendors at the show for supplies for yourself and gifts for others. "Just looking" is a quick fix for people addicted to sewing, crafting, and quilting.
- 7** Learn about the Guild's service project -- "comfort quilts" and bed-sized quilts for the homeless and others who need comfort and warmth.
- 6** Have the quilts explained by one of the "white glove" guild members at the show.
- 5** Win a door prize, maybe!
- 4** See the raffle quilt and buy some chances to win it.
- 3** Get inspired, get motivated, and get new ideas for your own quilted projects in aisles of inspiration (over 190 quilts).
- 2** See a "Bed Turning" -- not a revolving bedstead but a display of quilts, old and new. (One is from 1814, and others are 100 or 200 years younger!) A narrator will tell you the stories behind them. As the show's theme says, Quilts really are "Pieces of Our Lives."
- 1** It's fun for the whole family. It's close to home, the parking is free, children 12 and under are admitted free, and the show may persuade your family that you're not crazy to love quilts!

## Minutes of the February 6th Star Quilters Meeting

Our January meeting was cancelled due to weather. The Silent Auction scheduled for January took place at the February meeting from 6:00 to 7:15, followed by our program, our meeting, and Show and Tell.

Silent Auction. Tables were loaded with goodies including something for everyone to admire and, more importantly, to bid on, such as small tins to hold notions, thread snips, or whatever; sewing thread, crochet thread, and huge spools of nylon yarn; a beautiful pink furry jacket; patterns, magazines, kits, oh my!

Program. The Badger sisters presented an informative program on Kaleidoscope Quilts. The blocks of these quilts feature color repeating radially around a central point, as seen in the kaleidoscopes we played with as children. The Stack-and-Whack technique is similar. The Badgers suggested fabrics with lots of color are good for this technique, while fabrics with lots of plain or open background will produce boring results, and fabrics with a very small motif will not show color well. This technique requires fussy cutting. They recommend against pre-washing fabric for Kaleidoscope Quilts because doing so will make it more difficult to fussy-cut. The presentation was followed by a Trunk Show of Stack-and-Whack and Kaleidoscope quilts, some psychedelic, some calm, all beautiful!

### Business Meeting and Announcements:

Membership: Kathy Martin announced that at least 56 members and 3 guests attended the February meeting. Three former members recently re-instated their membership.

Quilt Show: The next Quilt Show meeting will be held on February 13 at Roanoke Church of Christ at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend. Show flyers have been printed and are being distributed around the area. About 175 quilts have been registered so far. The Guild raffle quilt will be available for ticket sales at the Quilt Show; please turn in any blocks you have for this quilt at or before the Quilt Show meeting on February 13. A signup sheet for volunteers to work at the Show is being circulated, please volunteer to help. The show committee is still looking for show sponsors; contact Ann Ware for information.

Challenge Quilts: The Challenge Quilts, which will be displayed at the Show, must be brought to the March meeting where we will all admire them and Marietta Price from Bargain Barn will judge them. These quilts may be any aspect ratio (square, rectangle, circle, etc.) but must be less than 80 inches in perimeter. The Challenge theme this year is *A Window into My Life*.

Comfort Quilts: Ethel announced that the Guild donated 235 Comfort Quilts to various local agencies in 2016. Street Ransom requests twin-size quilts, with the Cheaper by the Dozen pattern using 12 fat quarters being a simple, suitable pattern for these quilts. There will be a Comfort Quilts Workshop on Saturday February 25 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at our usual guild meeting place.

Library: Betty Tyree announced that we have two Stack-and-Whack books in our library.

Treasurer: The trial balance sheet through December 31 (except that no receipts from the holiday party were included) was distributed and also appears on our website.

Hospitality: Gisela O'Connor announced birthday wishes for members with January and February birthdays.

Starry-Eyed Quilters will be doing Barn Quilts (quilt blocks painted on plywood) in April. Some spaces are available. See Susan Kraterfield if interested.

Sunshine: Sue Thurston announced that two sympathy cards are needed.

Upcoming Meetings: March - Organizing Your Sewing Room: A professional organizer will present a program and would like photos of some of our sewing rooms as examples to use in her presentation. April - Trunk Show by Joyce Moorman

Show and Tell: Members displayed their latest creations, posted on our website. Three rows of the raffle quilt were displayed.

Closing moved, seconded, and approved.

The next meeting will be on March 6, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

~Claire Hightower, Secretary



CURRENT EXHIBITS at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg

"Two Golden Ages of Applique: 1840-1870 & 1920-1940"

"P's and Q's" by Fiber Art Virginia

"Treasures From the Vault: Wool for Winter"

"Eclectic" By Top of Virginia Quilt Guild. (The Top of Virginia Quilt Guild covers the northern portion of the Shenandoah Valley, and its members mostly come from the counties of Shenandoah, Frederick, Warren, and Clark.)

<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>

See a photo of a lovely raffle quilt and buy chances here:

<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/fundraisers/>

## RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

We will be making pillowcases for sick children on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. The cost to attend the event is either 1½ yards of pre-washed 100% cotton fabric with a whimsical and colorful theme or a cash donation. Lunch will be provided and there will be door prizes. Bring your sewing machine if you can sew; if not, there are other jobs that also need to be done in order to complete pillow cases.

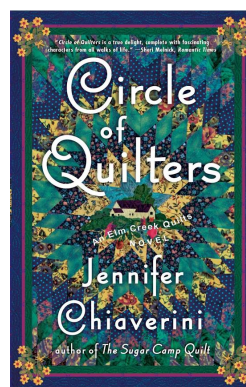
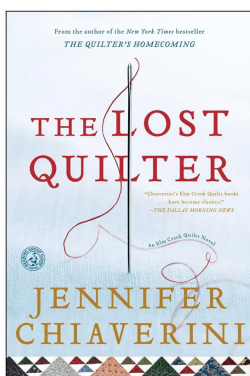
Ryan's Cases For Smiles is a non-profit organization solely dedicated to helping sick children cope with the stress of their illnesses and injuries. For more information, visit [www.caseforsmiles.org](http://www.caseforsmiles.org).

Note: This event conflicts with our Quilt Show, but maybe you can attend the quilt show on Friday and make pillowcases on Saturday. Or you can pass on the news to a friend.



*Our Sympathy...*

to Kitty DeLapp in the death of her mother.



### The Library Committee Recommends ...

Jennifer Chiaverini is the author of stories that combine history, quilting, and human drama. The Starquilter Guild's library includes two of Chiaverini's Elm Creek Quilt novels: #511, *The Lost Quilter*, and *Circle of Quilters*. An Amazon.com reviewer, Judy Walburn, raves, "I love, love, love Jennifer Chiaverini's books. I always look forward to starting the next book in this series. The mix of historical facts with the novelist's characters is riveting and informative. I also love her characters and the story lines. An excellent read!!"

Check out these books at the next meeting!

~~Barbara Badger

### THINKING OF ENTERING YOUR QUILT IN THE 2017 SMOKY MOUNTAIN QUILTERS SHOW IN KNOXVILLE?

Deadline for entries is May 8, 2017. See [www.smokymtnquilters.com](http://www.smokymtnquilters.com).

### AQS Quilt Weeks

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

March 29 - April 1, 2017

Paducah, Kentucky

April 26-29, 2017

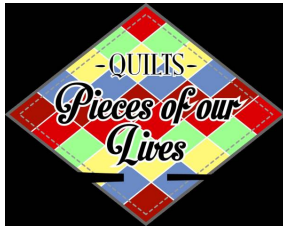
AQS reports that the workshops are filling up fast. Questions? See <http://www.quiltweek.com/> or call 270-898-7903, Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 4 PM.

### Quilt Workshop in Maryland,

The Mid-Appalachian Quilters (MAQ) will be sponsoring a weekend of "Fun & Flirty" quilting at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on July 14-16, 2017. Classes will be offered Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Please visit [www.maqonline.org](http://www.maqonline.org) for a full list of classes, information on room and board, and meal options. Registration began on Saturday, March 4, 2017 and closes on June 15. Register early -- we know from previous years that classes fill up quickly!

Editor's note: Emmitsburg, Maryland, is 250 miles from Roanoke. It is only 12 miles from the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The town has 2 Catholic pilgrimage sites: the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is on the campus of Mount St. Mary's, and the Basilica and National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized as a saint. It is in an area of rolling hills, and there is a 13-mile hill trail for bicyclers and runners. So you could take along your family and know they'd have things to do while you were in class!





## Update on Our 2017 Quilt Show, "Quilts: Pieces of Our Lives"

March 24th and 25th, 2017

Registration is complete -- over 190 quilts including Challenge and Bed Turning quilts.

If you have registered a quilt for the show, don't forget we need a photo of your quilt, too.

Ribbons are almost ready.

Door prize baskets are being filled.

The raffle quilt top is done and in the very capable hands of Cathy Fandel to quilt.

We're counting down the days until we go to work at the Berglund Center.

Tell all your friends and family to come and see the beautiful quilts, the vendor's wares, the Bed Turning and the wonderful display by the Roanoke Modern Quilt Guild.

~ *The Quilt Show Committee Co-Chairs, Judy McWhorter and Kathy Wickham*

### The Pineapple Log Cabin Raffle Quilt



This photo shows the raffle quilt after the 56 blocks were sewn together, when it was ready to go to quilter Cathy Fandel. (It is wider than it appears here because it is draped over the pew back.)

### Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show, April 21-22

This quilt show in Berryville will feature quilts from the Apple Valley Needle Threaders, Piecemakers, and Skyline Quilt Club. For all the Show's details, go to [www.NSVQuiltShow.com](http://www.NSVQuiltShow.com) or look for the newest postings to [www.facebook.com/Northern-Shenandoah-Valley-Quilt-Show](https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Shenandoah-Valley-Quilt-Show).

### Un-Classifieds

Help Wanted: I am looking for a long arm quilting service in the Roanoke area. I am willing to travel.

Thank you for your help. -- April Lopez [aalopez1@verizon.net](mailto:aalopez1@verizon.net)